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SUBJECT: TAIWAN INVESTIGATES GEORGIAN FLAGGED HIGH SEAS
DRIFTNET VESSEL

REF: A) SECSTATE 217012 B) OES KING/ AIT THOMAS
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In response to AIT's July 7, 2004 delivery of Reftel A demarche, Tsay Tzu-yaw, Director of Taiwan Fisheries Deep Seas Fisheries Division told AIT that the Taiwan Authorities revoked Mr. Chen's (the vessel Master/Chief Engineer) fishing permit in July and forwarded the case to the Kaohsiung District Court for prosecution. AIT followed up on the case on October 12 and further learned that the vessel's Georgian registration expired on October 30, 2003. Taiwan Fisheries is unaware if the registration was renewed and/or extended. Taiwan Fisheries Agency (TFA) has requested any detailed documents and materials that may have been obtained during the Japanese boarding and inspection. TFA is particularly interested in any documents that describe fishing activities and/or that confirm Mr. Chen's involvement. TFA has specifically requested copies of "licenses of Chun Jin No.1, and certificates of these fishing crews." Regarding other vessels operating in the same area during the April to October time frame, TFA indicated that it only permitted eight "squid-jigging fishing vessels" to operate between N42-43 and E170-175 during that time frame.
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